

# OUR CHILDRENS PAGE, MADE BY CHILDREN

## "The Children's Club and Library"

Dear Children of the Club:

I have promised to tell you to-day about a Christmas gift which I hope you will enjoy very much.

There is a Woman's Club in Richmond where the ladies can meet for various purposes, and where they and their friends can enjoy themselves very much in different ways.

The gentlemen have several clubs—the Westmoreland Commonwealth, Deep Run Hunt, Jefferson and Virginia being among the most prominent. But the children of the city and girls of Richmond and Virginia, have hitherto been left out in the arrangements that have been made for their elders. They will be left out no longer.

With the coming of the New Year, rooms in which children can enjoy the convenience of a writing and drawing table, or play simple games, if they so prefer, and in which, above all, they can always have free access to carefully-selected books, which will be theirs to read during library hours, are going to be gotten ready and thrown open to the Children's Club and through them, the editor hopes, to other children everywhere in the city and the State.

The location of the rooms will be given later. It is now proposed to open them three afternoons in each week, with a library in charge, to make them bright, comfortable and cheery in every possible way, so that the "Children's Club and Library" may be always a synonym for good fellowship and real friendship between its members.

It is proposed to make the Children's rooms an atmosphere in which boys and girls will be made to feel especially at home where they will have the advantage of coming into personal contact with each other and with the editor of this page, who hopes to act as librarian at least once a week.

It is proposed to make the Children's Library and Club in Richmond a centre from which the libraries may be established in different sections of the State for the benefit of the members of the T. D. C. and of children in general, who will take advantage of this library and club movement.

Above all, it is proposed to make these centre clubrooms headquarters for our Children's Page boys and girls, a place that they will feel belongs distinctly and exclusively to them, a place where they will be able to do better work, and be better boys and girls than ever before.

Everything has to have a beginning, and you cannot realize the full value of what is being projected for you until you come in and take possession. In due time you will be given further information as to where the club is to be. Then before it is opened up, all will be notified and invited to the club warming. An especial invitation will be given to all members out of town to come and inspect the club and shake their editor by the hand.

And now, dear children, good-by, and my best wishes for a "Happy New Year" and for the success of your library and club. YOUR EDITOR.

**PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE WEEK.**  
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Barrett Powell, No. 109 South First Street, City.

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### CHRISTMAS.

"O, look at the beautiful Christmas tree," said Annie to her sister, as they went into the dining-room. "We are going to have a party. Won't that be nice?"

"But come, children; we must eat breakfast now, and will talk about that later," said their mother. So the children at their breakfast in a hurry and went back to the Christmas tree.

"It is time to dress now," said Lizzy. When they got through, they found that it was time for the children to come. In seventeen minutes they were all there. There were seventeen children. O, what a time they had! They played games and undressed and dressed the tree a dozen times before dinner. Each child got a present, and played with it till dinner was ready. The boys snow-balled and rode in their sleigh.

When they went home in the evening they said it was the most beautiful Christmas they ever saw.

GAY B. LEWIS.  
Hanover Courthouse, Va.

### OLD CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, as it used to be celebrated in England and Virginia, was a time of merriment and good will for everybody. To make more merry, good will and peace, it was considered necessary to have a roaring fire.

On Christmas Eve men went into the forest and cut a huge oak log that fitted in the large fireplace the people used to have.

At the celebration this log was lit up and allowed to burn until only a small piece was left. This chunk was left until the next Christmas, when it was used to light up the fire again.

Everybody was happy at Christmas. A plentiful supply of ale, the famous English drink, was kept going around. An old English custom was to have a peacock cooked for the dinner.

Mistletoe with holly on it was hanging around, and lovers would go under it, pluck a berry and kiss each other.

To add to the merriment music was had and dancing with it. Everything connected with the holiday helped to make good will and peace.

SAMUEL LEE ROBERTSON.  
Tally, Va.

### THE UNHUNG STOCKINGS.

Will nobody buy us, unfold us and tie us up by the chimney where Santa Claus comes.

To fill us with trumpets and dollies and drums.

With candy and toys for the girls and boys?

Oh, gladly we'd suffer things, even to holes.

We'd freely give everything, even our souls.

To please the poor children—so many things shocking!

For whom no one barges up a long Christmas stocking.

Selected by ELIZABETH REID.  
23 East Canal Street, Richmond, Va.

### HOLLY.

Holly is a tree or shrub with simple, alternate leaves. It is an evergreen. The flowers are white and they bloom in May. The fruit is like a berry and is red.

The tree grows to about fifteen or forty feet high. The wood is hard and white. It grows wild in New England and southward to Virginia.

It is used to decorate churches and houses for Christmas, and is a sign of good will, cheer and comfort.

Selected by LILLIE H. TYLER.  
Staunton, Va.

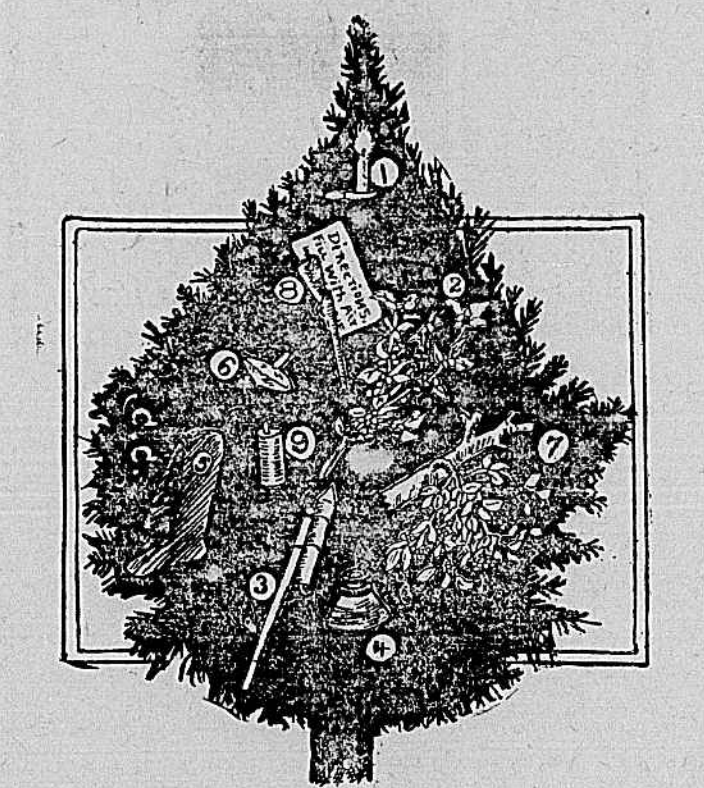


Before

After



## PUZZLE DEPARTMENT



A CHRISTMAS TREE PUZZLE.  
The first letters of the pictures on the Christmas tree, in numerical order, will spell an important December day.  
BY CARRINGTON CALLAWAY, Norwood, Va.

### QUESTIONS OF THE AGE.

1. What age does the traveler carry?
2. What age is required for mail?
3. What age is shared by the doctor and thief?
4. What age would we all like to own?
5. What age is the indigestible age?
6. What age is dreamed by the school boy when studying arithmetic?
7. What is the age of slavery?
8. What age do old maids desire?
9. What age is closer than a brother?
10. What age is in demand at the birth of a child?
11. For what age did Esau sell his birthright?

12. With what age are emigrants familiar?  
Franklin, Va.  
BOGART A. PRETLOW.

### A PRIZE PUZZLE.

A man had a pond with an island in the center of it. The island was six feet long and four feet wide, but one was ten feet and the other was eight feet. He desired to reach the island, but he had nothing whatever with which to fasten the plank together. How then, can he get to the island with the two planks?

110 Campbell Ave., West Roanoke, Va.  
HARRY E. WICKS.

### RYTHMED ANIMALS.

1. What animal rhymes with to fight with the fist?
2. A heavy stick?
3. A plant?
4. One who tends sheep?
5. A canal of water round a house for defense?
6. With another?
7. To unite?
8. To guide a vessel?
9. A large?
10. A custom?
11. A heavy, bulky piece of wood?
12. To talk idly?

By WILLIE A. CALLAWAY.  
Norwood, Nelson County, Va.

### GOING TO TOWN.

By Ida K. Reid.  
23 East Canal Street, City.

My eleventh is in it, and also in it.  
My whole is a very long  
MARGARET WILLIAMS.  
JUMBLED NAMES OF GIRLS.

1. Cneffore.
2. Lelnel.
3. Yaghad.
4. Rleam.
5. Byur.
6. Nimra.
7. Giralval.
8. Lelnyph.
9. Nleca.
10. Thehaliz.
11. Anlrivne.
12. Maneaid.

LUCILLE V. BUTLER.  
2214 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, Va.  
JUMBLED NAMES.

### ANSWERS.

To Charade: MYRTLE E. BINGHAM.  
Eikhorn, W. Va.

To Diamond Puzzle:  
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pet  
JULIA BULLITT.

To Geographical Puzzle: 1. Portsmouth.  
2. Panama. 3. Portland. 4. Turkey. 5. Rhode Island. 6. Europe. 7. North America. 8. Iowa. 9. Chockers. 10. New York. 11. Maryland. 12. Warsaw. 13. Canary Islands.  
By WILLIE A. CALLAWAY.  
Norwood, Va.

To Charade: CHRISTMAS.  
LILLIAN FLANNAGAN.

To Jumbled Names: 1. Jacksonville. 2. Dominos. 3. Fennis. 4. Hopscoth. 5. Aut. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

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